

NO. 713.

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## BJUTTONING UP OVERCOATS

The Cold Winds This Morning Made People Hustle.

## DAMAGE TO AWNINGS

The Great Providers Are Ready to Furnish You With All Your Winter Clothing at the Lowest of Cash Prices on Credit—Both You and the Family.

The high winds this morning blew the awnings into the clothing department of the big double store and annex, 415-417 Seventh street.

It was a bad thing. When they set sail again they were well protected against the cold, searching winds.

The advantage in this—the Great Providers' stock of clothing is so large and the garments are so well made that one can always get fitted to his taste right on the spot.

Different from going to a tailor. There's a difference in the cost, too, of about two-thirds.

As to looks, well they are in favor of the Great Providers' goods in most cases, for there's a dressiness about them that beats all but the very finest made-to-measure work.

Men's Fine Kersey Overcoats, \$10—and on credit.

Men's Stylish All-wool Cheviot Suits, \$5.35—worth \$10 anywhere else.

Yes, their prices are the lowest in town—and on credit.

## FATHER McPAKE'S DEATH

Coroner's Jury Says It Was Caused by Uraemic Poisoning.

Father Daily Believes That the Deceased Was the Victim of a Fool Play.

Philadelphia, Nov. 12.—At 10 o'clock this morning the coroner's jury began the investigation of the death of the Rev. Father McPake, whose death body was found in the rear of St. Paul's Academy early Wednesday morning.

The first witness called was Margaret McPake, a sister to the deceased clergyman. She said her brother's health had been very good.

Father Daily, pastor of the Church of the Annunciation, to which Father McPake belonged, testified that Father McPake suffered from headaches and nausea and seemed to have been moping the last few weeks.

After hearing the testimony of Mrs. Reed, the janitress in regard to the finding of the body, and several other witnesses, the jury rendered the following verdict:

"The jury find that Rev. Henry J. McPake came to his death from uraemic poisoning." This verdict was rendered practically under instruction from the coroner.

The evidence presented was considered rather perfunctory by those who attended the inquest.

HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE.

Dr. Stearns' Lecture at the South Presbyterian Church.

The Rev. Dr. B. M. Stearns, pastor of the South Presbyterian Church, of Germantown, Pa., delivered the second of his course of lectures on "How to Study the Bible" at the Fourth Presbyterian Church this morning.

There was a large audience present, including several of the city clergy.

The lecture was preceded by a praise song service, conducted by the Rev. Joseph T. Kelly, pastor of the church.

Before beginning the discussion of the Bible lesson for the day Dr. Stearns said there is nothing which will so satisfy and benefit a man as treasure up the Word of God in his heart.

A great trouble, he said, was that the teachers did not always tell the students exactly what they themselves believe.

As an instance of this he related a story told him by a theological student last morning. His teacher, the student said, gave him two propositions, but did not inform him which was the one to believe.

There are four things of which we are specially admonished by the Bible, Dr. Stearns said: 1. Receive the word of God with meekness. 2. Hold fast to it with all the heart. 3. Hold it forth. 4. And divide it rightly.

Contract for Engine House Awarded.

The contract for building the new engine house in Anacostia has been awarded to Messrs. Andrew Gleason and Robert T. Gleason upon the bid of \$10,740 for the first plant and \$10,600 for the second plant.

The bid of C. Thomas & Son, which was \$10,363 for the first plant and \$10,063 for the second, was thrown out because it was informal.

Baltimore and Return via B. & O. Sunday, Nov. 14; all trains. Round trip, \$1.40.

West still give green trading stamps.

Perfection

of fit is one of the strongest points of superiority of our Garments over all other ready-to-wear ones. Many men tell us that they are fitted HERE better and with less trouble than at the custom shops. Our \$10, \$12.50 and \$15 fit as well as the higher priced ones. Have as much style, too, and we'll guarantee the quality to be superior to anybody else's suits at same prices.

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Frank Libbey & Company, Sixth street and New York avenue.

## DURRANT OFFERS THANKS

On Bowed Knees He Acknowledges Heavenly Mercy.

## ALL ALONG HE HAS HAD FAITH

He Declares That Prayers Saved His Life—He Still Persists That He Is Innocent, and Cannot Understand Why Christian People Have Impertinently Him to Confess Guilt.

San Quentin Prison, Cal., Nov. 12.—Upon his bowed knees Durrant thanked God that his life had been prolonged when he received the message that the supreme court had granted him a reprieve on the eve of his execution.

All of Thursday the prison officials have gone about solemnly preparing for the fatal moment. Shortly before the supper hour the message of reprieve was received from the chief justice. It was opened and passed to the condemned man. Durrant quickly read it, and without any great display of emotion fell on his knees and prayed silently for several minutes.

At 7 p. m. the mother was admitted to Capt. Edgar's office, where her boy was waiting to meet her. Mrs. Durrant remained with her son in close conversation for some time. When the reporters were admitted Durrant and his mother were seated on a sofa in each other's arms.

"Naturally, in the course of an interview, said Durrant, I was greatly elated at the news of the reprieve. All I could do was to thank God. This afternoon I was visited by two Sisters of Charity, and I believe that their prayers and the prayers of all those who have interceded for me have been instrumental in bringing about this result."

Durrant remarked that he could not understand why Christian people should beg him in letters to confess. "I am innocent," he said, "and would never confess to such a vile crime. Sooner or later the truth will be known. I shall never give up the fight because the Lord is with me."

He is a man of a fine physique, a well-developed man, with a strong, muscular build. He is a native of California, and has been in the State Prison since 1894.

On Mrs. Durrant's face was a smile of contentment, but the son looked sad and his eyes were full. He earnestly repeated many times that faith in God would save him in the future as well as in the past.

PAPERS STOLEN IN COURT.

Forged Notes Disappear Mysteriously During a Trial.

Charlotte, N. C., Nov. 12.—The trial of Attorney Alfred C. Ficklin for embezzlement, this morning, was marked by the sensational theft of forged notes from the prosecution in court.

The notes were brought to a dramatic close this afternoon by the being sent to the insane asylum. Ficklin is the son of the late Orlando R. Ficklin, his mother is the late Mrs. Ficklin, the sister of the late State Attorney General.

Among other things, Alfred acted as broker for some rich people, lending them money out and paying the interest as it became due. After a long time it was found that the State's attorney, in copying the notes for several thousand dollars, were forged.

The grand jury found fifteen indictments against Ficklin, and the case came to trial this week. The first case was given directly by a member of the State's attorney in copying the notes for several thousand dollars, were forged.

The next case was called, and while it was in progress the State's attorney made the astounding statement that he had been robbed in open court, and all of the forged notes stolen. There was a dramatic scene, but no one was able to find the notes, and the case on trial went to the first.

Then, with eleven indictments left, the State's attorney obtained a continuance until the January term of the grand court in order to try to find the notes. A. C. Ficklin was tried for insanity yesterday, and taken to the Kankakee Asylum.

MUST LIVE ON FIVE-CENT MEALS.

Vineyard's Council Thinks Prisoners Are Being Overfed.

Vineyard, N. J., Nov. 12.—The borough council of Vineyard has started in to economize and relieve some what the burdensome taxes on the people who have been grumbling.

Last night, after talking over the matter almost the entire evening, they decided to reduce the allowance per meal for all prisoners to 5 cents. This action was taken after the vehement exclamation of Councilman William F. Roemer that "the criminals are living too high on the State's dime, and the taxpayers are paying for it."

The 5-cent rate, which is undoubtedly the lowest allowance for that purpose made by any town in the State, is ridiculed by every citizen, regardless of politics.

Councilman Roemer, who proposed the reduction, says: "It's good for them. If I had my way about it I would take a bucket of water and a loaf of bread to the jail in the morning and say: 'Here, prisoner, help yourself.' I tell you they have been living too high on 10 cents a meal. Why 10 cents buys a feast for these fellows, and they will be getting arrested all the time."

Hanna Loses a Steamer.

Cleveland, Ohio, Nov. 12.—The steel steamer Roman, owned by M. A. Hanna & Company, had a terrific experience while trying to make Ashtabula harbor yesterday afternoon with a cargo of 2,800 tons of ore.

She was about a mile off shore when a wind storm struck her and made her unmanageable.

Compliment to Secretary Wilson.

Des Moines, Iowa, Nov. 12.—The board of trustees of the State Agricultural College has conferred the degree of master of agriculture upon James Wilson, Secretary of Agriculture.

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## BRIGANDS IN ARMENIA.

Even Women Have Rifles and Carry Dynamite.

Self-declared in charge of the Turkish location, officially confirms the reports of Armenian outrages. He says: "Armenian brigands have been organizing brigands in bands, in which even women have rifles and carry dynamite. I have received authoritative reports from the governors of Sivas and Janik regarding these bands, which have surprised and killed the Turkish government has provided them with all necessities of life to enable them to live peacefully and honestly."

This information has been communicated to the State Department in evidence of the efforts of the Sultan to remove all causes of dissatisfaction, and in that manner to pacify all revolutionary movements.

## DESTRUCTIVE OCEAN GALES

Vessels Suffer Severely and Sustain Much Damage.

Heroic Efforts to Save the Crew of a Stranded Schooner at Ocean Beach.

Central Village, Conn., Nov. 12.—The gales of the last three days have done considerable damage to shipping. Yesterday the schooner Euna Chestnut from Westport, Conn., was driven ashore at Ocean Beach, and the only sail left on her was the jib.

At Ocean Beach the schooner's masts and rigging were blown down, and the crew were badly damaged. The vessel's crew were rescued by the life-saving crew of the station.

The life-saving crew, after much difficulty, reached the stranded vessel. The heavy surf tossed the life-savers' frail craft like a cork, and the people who were on the beach were alarmed at the attempt.

The wind is increasing in velocity every minute. The big breakers can be seen pounding the ill-fated vessel, and she will probably go to pieces. When the life-savers reached the vessel a shout went up from the people on the beach. The captain of the life-saving crew boarded the vessel and will probably take off the schooner's crew.

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B. C. Stokes, employed as a brakeman on the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad, had his right hand mashed yesterday evening while coupling cars at the New Jersey avenue yards. The injury was dressed at the Providence Hospital and the young man sent to his home at No. 219 Ninth street southwest.

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## HARASSING THE SPANISH

Gomez and Garcia Uniting Forces to March Westward.

## WILL NOT DISCUSS AUTONOMY

Cubans Decline to Meet Spanish Leaders to Talk of Peace on That Basis—Activity of Insurgents Increasing—Another Important Expedition Landed in Santa Clara.

Key West, Fla., Nov. 12.—From the insurgent lines the news comes that Gen. Gomez and Calixto Garcia are trying to unite their forces to march westward. Gomez has been constantly harassing the Spanish columns in Santa Clara province since the landing of Mendez's expedition with a large amount of supplies. Another important expedition has certainly landed in Santa Clara province. It is commanded by Ovidio Gileza, a Cuban engineer.

The Cuban colonel, Abouli Arango and Nestor Aranguren, have refused to hold an interview with Senor Fernandez de Castro, Pizarro and Gomez, of Havana, who desired to discuss peace on the basis of autonomy.

The accompanying Spaniards and volunteers of Cienfuegos have made a demonstration in honor of the American consul there. Mr. Miller, for his pro-Spanish reports through the American press.

Around Havana the activity of the insurgents has been greater than ever since the landing of Gen. Manlio Mendez. At the Hamlet, near Managua, within sight of the capital, the Cuban brigades, Rafael de Cardenas, defeated Gen. Valdespina, a Spaniard, who recently arrived with Gen. Blanco. The heat was so intense that Valdespina collapsed on the field, and had to be taken by his staff to a neighboring house. He had never been in Cuba before. The disorder caused in the Spanish ranks when Valdespina fell was intense. His soldiers thought he was killed, and they abandoned the field.

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## SHOT AND THEN REPENTED

Great Falls Hotel Proprietor Miller Attempts Suicide.

## WITHIN SOUND OF THE FALLS

Went Across to the Island and Shot Himself in the Breast—Then He Came Back and Told What He Had Done—Sickness and the Anti-Saloon League the Causes.

Lockville, Md., Nov. 12.—Mr. Frederick Miller, proprietor of the hotel at Great Falls, attempted suicide this morning by shooting himself through the heart on the Falls Island opposite his hotel.

The cause assigned for the action of Mr. Miller is that an indictment had been found against him at the instance of the anti-saloon league, of Montgomery county, who are vigorously endeavoring to close all saloons in the county, and that the strain had been so great upon him that he sought relief by death.

Mr. Miller has been in very poor health of late and was not expected to live, and this also is supposed to have added to his despondency.

Dr. Pratt, of Potomac, has been with Mr. Miller since early this morning and says his chances of recovery are small. It seems to be the general impression here that he will not recover, as the wound is very ghastly. Dr. Pratt says his chances are small.

Mr. Miller had a wife living with him at the hotel. He formerly kept a restaurant in Washington.

The details of the attempted suicide are quite remarkable.

Mr. Miller left the hotel at about 2 o'clock this morning and went across the bridge to the island. He shot himself in the breast and then apparently repented.

He managed to crawl back to the hotel, where he was found by the police. He was taken to the hospital, where he is now lying, and a doctor is being sent for.

## THE ANNEXATION OF HAWAII

Treaty in Excellent Shape for Speedy Ratification.

President Will Urge It and Two-Thirds of the Senate Will Vote for It.

The recent activity on the part of the President, the Cabinet, and the Hawaiian representatives here, appears to have had a definite result.

The President has agreed on a stronger recommendation for its ratification than that heretofore expressed, and to make assurance of its passage the Administration, it is said, has sounded sufficient Senators to know that the treaty will go through.

This intelligence is so direct that it is even stated that two-thirds of the Senators will vote to ratify the treaty.

The new treaty, it will be recalled, differs from the old one in the material respect that it omits the provision for an annuity to ex-Queen Liliuokalani.

The treaty is in excellent shape for prompt action. It was fully considered by the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, reported to the Senate and placed on the calendar, with practically the unanimous endorsement of the committee.

It is the purpose of Chairman Davis, in the first executive session, to ask that a day be set for taking up the treaty, and that its consideration be continued until disposed of, believing its ratification can be reached before adjournment before the holidays.

In his message to Congress the President will set the ball in motion, presenting as strongly as possible the arguments for annexation.

SHOES MAY BE DEARER.

If Raw Calfskins Are Available There Will Be an Advance in Price.

New York, Nov. 12.—Dearest shoes are likely to result from a decision of the board of United States general appraisers, which is expected in a few days. The question before the board, and one which is specially in charge of ex-Judge Smoot, is whether green or raw calfskins shall be admitted into the country duty-free.

If the board decides that the law must be construed as including raw calfskins in the dutiable list of hides, then the price of calf shoes and boots and everything else made from such leather will be materially advanced.

The matter was brought before the board of appraisers by scores of boot and shoe manufacturers all over the country.

The importers of leather claim that calfskins, untreated, should be admitted free under section 664, which says that skins of all kinds in their raw state, except sheepskins with the wool attached, and other skins not specially mentioned, are not dutiable.

Under the Dingley tariff all hides of cattle in their raw state are dutiable at 15 cents per 100 pounds. This would mean a very large increase in the price of calf leather, and consequently also in the price of shoes.

In the brief period that the board has had the matter under consideration, fifteen big manufacturers have been heard and a large volume of testimony has been taken.

Report on Charities Submitted.

The report of Superintendent of Charities Herbert Lewis was submitted to the Commissioners late this afternoon.

Light Snowfall at Boston.

Boston, Nov. 12.—Snow fell here this morning. It was the first snow fall of the season.

The Temperature Today.

The temperature today was for 8 a. m., 37; 12 noon, 40; 2 p. m., 41; maximum, 48.

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## GEN. BUTTERWORTH BETTER

He Is Not Yet, However, Entirely Out of Danger.

Cleveland, Ohio, Nov. 12.—The condition of Gen. Benjamin Butterworth is much improved. His physicians say, however, that he is not entirely out of danger.

LIVES WITH A BROKEN NECK.

Skillman Can Talk, Although His Body Below His Head Is Lifeless.

New York, Nov. 12.—Among the patients in the Bayview Hospital is Frederick Skillman, a reporter, and sixty-one years of age who lives and talks although his neck is broken, and below his head his body is completely paralyzed.

Skillman's injuries are, however, likely to prove fatal at any time. He fell down a flight of stairs late Wednesday night in Jacob Christman's Broadway Park Hotel, at Bayonne, where he was employed. He was found on a floor or two after he fell, lying unconscious in the second-story landing. After his removal to the hospital, he recovered consciousness and speech.

WORK ON APPROPRIATIONS

Chairman Cannon Appoints His Subcommittees.